such as at page 78, lines 16-19; page 80, line 26 to page 81, line 22; SEQ ID NO:4; and the attached ATCC deposit receipts. No new matter is added by the amendments to the claims.

CONCLUSION

Applicants respectfully submit that the claims are in condition for allowance. It is therefore earnestly solicited that such a final favorable disposition is made. The Examiner is invited to telephone Deirdre L. Conley, Ph.D., (Reg. No. 36,487) at (650) 225-2066 if deemed helpful to clarify and advance prosecution.

This Preliminary Amendment is submitted with a transmittal letter. In the unlikely event that this document is separated from the transmittal letter, Applicants hereby petition the Commissioner to authorize charging our Deposit Account 07-0630 for an fees required or credits due and any extensions of time necessary to maintain the pendency of this application.

Respectfully submitted,

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